

Head-Quarters, Department of the Tennessee,

YOUNG'S POINT, LA., FEB. 26, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
NO. 16.

I.....So much of General Orders No. 10, dated La Grange, Tenn., Nov. 26th, 1862, as provides for the appointment of District Provost Marshals, from these Head Quarters, is hereby revoked.

Army Corps Commanders will make their own appointments of Provost Marshals throughout their respective commands.

All District and Local Provost Marshals appointed by orders from these Head Quarters, are hereby relieved, and will report for duty with their respective commands.

II.....Hereafter, any officer tendering his resignation, is required to state clearly the reasons on which it is based; that he has turned over to proper authority all Government property in his possession; that he is not in arrears to the Government on any account; the time to which and by whom last paid on proper muster rolls, and if he has received no pay, then the date when he was mustered into service; that he has not been absent from his command without proper authority, since the time he was last paid, or since he was mustered into the service, as the case may be. If the Resignation is tendered on account of disability, it must be accompanied with a Surgeon's Certificate, approved by the Army Corps Medical Director, after personal examination, or by a Board of not less than three Medical Officers by him appointed, the same as required by General Orders No. 100, A. G. O., series 1862, in applications for leaves of absence.

BY ORDER OF MAJ. GEN. U. S. GRANT.

JNO. A. RAWLINS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

[OFFICIAL:]

Assistant Adjutant General.

PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT.

By the President of the United States.

A PROCLAMATION.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, March 10, 1863.

In pursuance of the twenty-sixth section of the act of Congress entitled an act for enrolling and calling out the national forces and for other purposes, approved on the 3d of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, I, Abraham Lincoln, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, do hereby order and command that all soldiers enlisted or drafted into the service of the United States, now absent from their regiments without leave, shall forthwith return to their respective regiments.

And I do hereby declare and proclaim that all soldiers now absent from their respective regiments without leave, who shall, on or before the 1st day of April, 1863, report themselves at any rendezvous designated by the General Orders of the War Department, No. 58, hereto annexed, may be restored to their respective regiments without punishment, except the forfeiture of pay and allowances during their absence; and all who do not return within the time above specified shall be arrested as deserters and punished as the law provides.

And whereas, evil disposed and disloyal persons, at sundry places, have enticed and procured soldiers to desert and absent themselves from their regiments, thereby weakening the strength of the armies, and prolonging the war, giving aid and comfort to the enemy, and cruelly exposing the gallant and faithful soldiers remaining in the ranks to increased hardships and danger—

I do, therefore, call upon all patriotic and faithful citizens to oppose and resist the aforementioned dangerous and treasonable crimes, and aid in restoring to their regiments all soldiers absent without leave, and to assist in the execution of the act of Congress for "enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," and to support the proper authorities in the prosecution and punishment of offenders against said act, and in suppressing the insurrection and rebellion.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

Done at the city of Washington, this 10th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.